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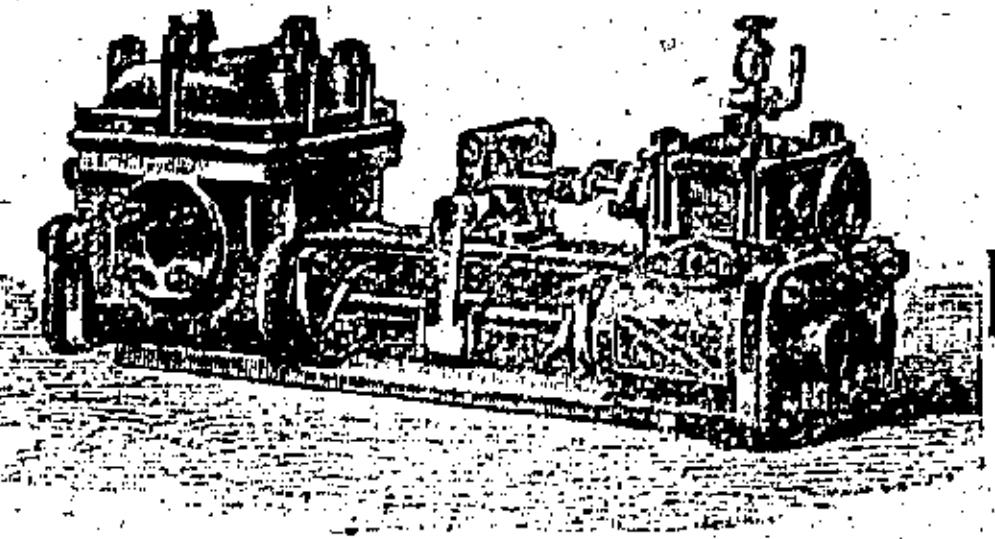
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Supervision, Surveys, Reports, Estimates and Plans of all Classes of Steamers and Machinery.

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Apply, 'C.D.'
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Hongkong, September 18, 1899.

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OFFICE of the Company, 38, and 40 Queen's

Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or

before the 10th day of October, 1899, and

NOTICE is also given that in the event of

NON-PAYMENT of such CALL on or before

the said 10th day of October, 1899, the

above-mentioned Shares will be liable to

BE FORFEITED.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, Sept. 26, 1899.

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CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO.

LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in

the above Company will be held at the Head

Office, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUES-

DAY, the 10th October Proximo, at Twelve

o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of presenting

the Report of the Directors and Statement

of Accounts to 30th April last, and of declar-

ing Dividends.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-

pany will be CLOSED from 20th Inst to

10th October Prox, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

A. S. GARFITT,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1899.

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THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NA-

VIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed

that at a GENERAL MEETING

held in LONDON recently an INTERIM

DIVIDEND of 3% was declared on the

Company's Preferred Shares for the six

months ending 30th June, this being at

the rate of 6% per annum.

The DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be

ready on the 2nd October. The TRANS-

FER BOOKS of the Company will be

CLOSED from the 28th current to the 2nd

Proximo (inclusive).

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, September 11, 1899.

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HONGKONG CLUB

NOTICE.

A MEETING of the MEMBERS of

the Club will be held at the Club House,

on TUESDAY, the 3rd October, 1899, at 6

p.m., for the purpose set forth in the

Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, September 20, 1899.

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FOR SALE.

YUBARI LUMP COAL just to Hand

from MOROAN (JAPAN); also

14 OLD BRASS RAFTS, fit for use

on Steamers. Apply to

KWONG MAN WO,

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Hongkong, May 6, 1899.

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NEW CURTAINS AND CURTAIN FABRICS.

600 PAIRS OF LACE CURTAINS

3, 4, 4½, and 5 yards long, from \$4 per pair.

NOVELTIES IN MUSLIN CURTAINS

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THE PEAK HOTEL is Situated at VICTORIA GAP, adjoining the Tramway

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Well appointed Rooms, attentive Service, and excellent Cuisine.

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Telephone 75, QUEEN'S ROAD.

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ASK FOR FERGUSON'S

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Entertainment.

FAREWELL PERFORMANCE

OF.

MISS JANET WALDORF,

AT THEATRE ROYAL,

ON THURSDAY, September 28th, 1899,

IN

'INGOMAR,

THE BARBARIAN.'

Assisted by the A.D.C.,

and

NORVAL MCGREGOR.

JANET WALDORF AS 'PARTHENIA.'

NORVAL MCGREGOR AS 'INGOMAR,'

and

FULL CAST OF CHARACTERS.

PRICES \$3, \$2 and \$1.
Soldiers and Sailors, in Uniform, 50 Cents.

Seats on Sale at ROBINSON PIANO CO.,

* * There will be a Special Train Service
after the Performance.

Hongkong, September 26, 1899. 2039

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by PUBLIC AUCTION,

on

THURSDAY,

the 28th September, 1899, Commencing at 2.30 p.m.,
on the PREMISES,

THE WHOLE OF THE

FURNITURE

of the well known WINDSOR HOTEL,

Comprising—

Double and Single BEDSTEADS with WHITE and HAIN MATTRESSES, WARDROBES with BEVELLED and PLAIN GLASS DOORS, MIRRORS, TOP WASHSTANDS and TOILET TABLES, TOILET SETS, BATH TUBS, CARPETS, RUGS, CURTAINS and CURTAIN POLES, TAPESTRY and PLASIE-COVERED SOfas and EASY CHAIRS, BEVELLED and PLAIN GLASS OVER-MANTLES, BRASS-MOUNTED FENDERS, MARBLE-TOP TABLES, DINING TABLES and CHAIRS, CUTLERY, GLASS and CROCKERY, WARE, &c., &c.

ONE GRAND PIANO, by JOHN Broadwood & Sons.

ONE ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLE, by LAZARUS & Co.

ONE COMBINATION STOVE.

On view from Saturday, the 23rd Sept.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS:—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

Auditor.

Hongkong, September 26, 1899. 2049

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction,

on

SATURDAY,

the 30th September, 1899, Commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A VERY VALUABLE COLLECTION

OF

POSTAGE STAMPS.

Comprising—

Rare Specimens of Old Philippines, Hongkong, Straits, 1st issue United States, old Barbados, St. Vincent, New South Wales, Victoria, Great Britain 2s, and 5s, Hawaii, French Colonies, &c., &c.

Teams—Cash on delivery.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale.

On View from Wednesday, the 27th September, 1899.

GEO. P. LAMMERT,

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Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1899. 2116

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Comprising—

THE Steamship LIZGAZI, Captain A. YRIEDE, will be despatched at about 10 A.M. SATURDAY, the 30th Instant, at Noon.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. The Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

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DOUGLAS LARPKR & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 27, 1899. 2149

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The British Squadron.

The *Kobe Chronicle* of the 16th inst. reports.—A portion of the British fleet arrived in the harbour yesterday afternoon. These were the *Victorious* and *Burgher*, battle-ships; *Hermione*, cruiser; *Hawke*, gun-boat, and *Fame*, torpedo-boat destroyer. No Japanese were in the harbour; no salute was fired. Admiral Seymour will arrive on the *Centurion*, upon which Sir Ernest Satow is a passenger; this evening.

Songs, and Their Singers.

Our street musicians are not usually a very amusing persons unless we can find a comedian like McCabe to interpret them for us. But I could not help thinking there must be a sense of humour in the old fellow who was standing outside a pawnshop in Melbourne the other day and singing with many gladsome and much wheezing, "Here will I gladden thee, dearest one," "Woo-woo!" in *The Australasian*.

Nose for the Patient.

A Victorian returned from West Australia relating a gruesome experience. Deaths were very frequent there from typhoid, and as the beds in the hospitals were always required for new patients, there was little delay or ceremony about the burials. Our friend was recovering from typhoid in one of the small gold-field hospitals, and the flies were exceedingly troublesome and the heat excessive, he pulled the sheet over his face as he lay on his back, and sank into a doze. He was awakened by feeling hands passing over him and a voice uttering, "The coffin will be ready by twelve o'clock, but still all will just do." It was the local undertaker, who, mistaking him for a corpse, was measuring him for a coffin. The visitor apologised for his mistake, and added pleasantly, "I'll keep the measurements though. They may be needed."

The "Morgan City."

Information reaches us that the divers, who have been at work on the *Morgan City* at luncheon for some days past, have succeeded in recovering the whole of the mail, some two hundred bags in all, which has been sent to Kobe for transmission to Manila. The caskets of the crew and a quantity of provisions have also been saved. A thorough examination of the vessel has been made, and the result wired to the owners and underwriters, operations now being suspended until instructions are received. The examination discloses that there is a hole in the bow of the vessel about twelve feet in extent, and that it is probable three plates on either side will have to be replaced. The vessel appears to be in good condition, though the hole is about the width of a man's arm. When she struck, the impact with which she went on the rocks caused the collision bulkhead to give way, and it was from this cause that the vessel so quickly filled on such as the case off the rocks. She lies in a fairly sheltered position, and there seems good difficulty should orders be received to this effect.—*Kobe Chronicle*.

A Wonderful Newspaper Collection.

Mr Cesare Poma, the Italian Consul at Cardiff, has one of the most wonderful collections of newspapers, representing various languages of the world in existence, 111 different tongues being represented altogether, from Albanian, Algonquin, Arabic, Armenian, down to Volapuk, Wond, Xosa, Yekton, Yoruba, Yiddish, and Zulu. It was his interest in philology, the *South Wales Daily News* explains, that first led him, about ten years ago, when Vice-Consul at Smyrna, to become a collector of newspapers. His residence in Turkey enabled him to get together a magnificent collection of Asiatic journals, and similarly, when he subsequently took up his residence in the United States, and toured the Southern States of America, he made effective use of his opportunities to collect not merely a number of papers representing the twenty-five or thirty languages spoken in that continent, but likewise a complete collection of the journals published in the islands of the Pacific. He next came to Europe, and settled in Cardiff, and the collection of European journals has been a companion ever since. He has now a collection, when the names put together, of upwards of 10,000 volumes, and the number of volumes employed in its last year, 70,000. It is understood that fresh efforts will be soon directed to push the export of their products.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

LONDON, September 25.

THE TRANSVAAL CRISIS.

Business in the Rand is almost at a standstill, and it is expected that the mines will close at the end of the month.

The Times Correspondent at Cap. Town writes that the Boers are assuming an aggressive attitude at Charlestown, on the Natal border.

Japan's Cotton Trade.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is negotiating with the Cotton Spinners' Union on the subject of a bi-weekly service to Boulogne. The spinners affirm that the present service is quite inadequate; no 300,000 tons of cotton are to be annually imported. Instead of 160,000 tons as formerly, the former figure was reached last year. The N.Y.K. is known to be anxious to comply with the wish of the Union, but the Government is to be consulted on the matter, as a question of subsidy is involved.—*Newsp. Press*.

The Japanese at Amoy.

A Tokyo telegram, dated 15th September, states that there are signs of disturbance again at Amoy, where placards were being posted urging the people to rise and expel the Japanese. Under these circumstances, blue-jackets have been landed from the cruiser *Takachiho* to guard the Japanese Consulate. It was arranged that the graves of the Chinese within the limits of the proposed Japanese Settlement should be removed on payment of five yen for each grave, but this arrangement will not be carried out immediately. The graves will only be removed as the land is taken up and negotiated by the railway fare on landing; and another was sent to Shanghai, where he obtained employment.

"Thirty new members joined the Society during the year and one resigned."

President.—The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving resigned office on the occasion of his departure from the Colony in May, and his successor has to be appointed at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee regret to have to record the death of Capt. Alex. Stepanoff and of Capt. Joseph Hogg.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr D. Wood, the report and accounts were unanimously approved, after the addition of the word "donations" to the second paragraph, which stated that the attendance at and the subscriptions to the last St. Andrew's Ball were greater than on any previous occasion.

It was proposed by Hon. J. J. Keswick and seconded by Mr David Gillies, that Captain Anderson be elected President for the ensuing year.

Hon. A. M. Thomson moved, and Dr J. A. Lowson seconded, that the Hon. T. H. Whitehead be elected President; but Mr Whitehead, while thanking his nominators and seconders, declined to stand for the position.

Captain Anderson was elected unanimously, and acknowledged the high honour conferred upon him by his Brethren Scots. We do all that in him lay to promote the best interests of Scotsmen in Hong Kong and the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society.

The Hon. T. H. Whitehead was elected Vice-President (on the motion of Mr D. Gillies), Mr D. R. Crawford was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr D. Wood, who had returned from leave, was re-elected to his old position as Hon. Secretary in succession to Mr J. MacG. Forbes, who has now filled the office during the past year.

Dr Lowson made some characteristic and humorous remarks on the affairs of the Society, and concluded by proposing him self and the Hon. A. M. Thomson as members of the Committee, which he considered, was in need of new blood. He regretted that many of his supporters were absent, they had evidently taken flight at his threat to nominate himself for the position of President (laughter) but he hoped he would receive the support of those present—that was, himself and Mr Thomson (renewed laughter).

The ballot for the Committee resulted in the re-election of Messrs. Goo, Murray, Bain, J. C. Peter and Dr. Ronnie, and the election of Dr Lowson and Mr James McEwan. There was a tie for the last seat on the Committee between Mr H. W. Robertson and Mr McEwan; but Mr Robertson (who was present) stated that he would gladly stand aside in favour of Mr McEwan.

On the proposition of Mr David Gillies, seconded by Mr W. Ramsay, it was unanimously decided to celebrate St. Andrew's Day (Thursday, 30th November) by giving a Ball in the City Hall.

A long discussion ensued on the subject of the Ball, Mr G. W. J. Playfair calling attention to the steady growth in the attendance, and the absolute necessity for exercising discrimination in the compilation of tickets, so that the growth of the society might be checked, and the object of the competition was to walk to the end of the pole and tip the ducks into the water. The efforts of the competitors to retain their balance produced great laughter among the spectators. The task was more difficult on each successive trial, the soap covering being moistened by the water off the competitors' bodies. Herbst appeared to be the most successful, although Humphreys made most persevering efforts to negotiate the journey. Ultimately, Lapsley managed to shake the bird out by his efforts to secure his equilibrium, and a most exciting effort ensued, all the swimmers joining. The ducks alarmed at the sudden onslaught dived, but A. A. Alves was quite nimble, and following their example appeared on the surface with one of the birds in his hand. The other bird led the other swimmers a most exciting swim, diving when not pressed, and latterly escaping from the direction of some samples. None of the competitors having fulfilled the conditions of the competition, the judges have not yet decided the event.

SWIM UNDER WATER.—Two prizes.

A. Humphreys 1
D. E. Carvalho 2
F. R. Tata 1tie.

GREASE POLE—One Prize.

The competitors in this most amusing event were—A. J. Mackie, E. Herbst, A. Humphreys, R. Lapsley, and J. C. Logan.

The pole had been rendered slippery by a liberal application of soft soap. At the end of the pole was a soap dish containing a live duck, and the object

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THE GYMKHANA.

The following is the programme for the next Gymkhana, which will be held at the Happy Valley on Saturday, the 14th October:

1. 3-15 p.m.—ONCE ROUND HANDICAP.—For all China ponies. Entrance fee, \$2.

1st prize, Cup presented by Sir Thomas Jackson 2nd prize, \$25 from Gymkhana Fund.

2. 3-45 p.m.—BENDING RACE.—For four-fold polo ponies, to be pased as such by the Polo Club Committee. Catch Weights. Entrance fee, \$1. First and Second prizes from Gymkhana Fund.

3. 4-45 p.m.—LADIES' NOMINATION.—Stick & Dull Race.—Gentlemen to ride about 200 yards dismount, pick up bundle of 12 sticks provided, return and hand the sticks to his nominator who will throw them at the dolls set up. The first lady to knock over two dolls to win. Should the lady fail to knock over two dolls with the 12 sticks, gentlemen must return again and procure a further bundle of 12 sticks, but he must not start till first 12 sticks have been exhausted. First prize given by Mr Robertson and Mr McEwan; but Mr Robertson (who was present) stated that he would gladly stand aside in favour of Mr McEwan.

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The efforts of the competitors to retain their balance produced great laughter among the spectators. The task was more difficult on each successive trial, the soap covering being moistened by the water off the competitors' bodies. Herbst appeared to be the most successful, although Humphreys made most persevering efforts to negotiate the journey. Ultimately, Lapsley managed to shake the bird out by his efforts to secure his equilibrium, and a most exciting effort ensued, all the swimmers joining. The ducks alarmed at the sudden onslaught dived, but A. A. Alves was quite nimble, and following their example appeared on the surface with one of the birds in his hand. The other bird led the other swimmers a most exciting swim, diving when not pressed, and latterly escaping from the direction of some samples. None of the competitors having fulfilled the conditions of the competition, the judges have not yet decided the event.

BOYS' RACE (11 to 15 years of age).—Two lengths: handicap; two prizes.

A. Alves 1
A. Oliveira 2
A. Barros 3
A. Burzi 2ace.

BOYS' RACE (11 to 15 years of age).—First and second prizes from Gymkhana Fund.

5-5 p.m.—A RACE.—For Ladies and Gentlemen to be entered in pairs. To start from 1 min. 10 sec.

1st prize, Cup presented by Sir Thomas Jackson 2nd prize, \$25 from Gymkhana Fund.

6-5 p.m.—THREE FUJIKO RACE.—For all China ponies.—Catch weights over 11 stone. Entrance fee, \$1. 1st and 2nd prizes from Gymkhana Fund.

6-45 p.m.—DISTANCE HANDICAP.—Once round for all equine and assinine animals.—Catch weights. Probable riding weight of rider to be sent with entries. Entrance fee, \$2. 1st and 2nd prizes, \$25 from Gymkhana Fund.

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Alacrity	sloop	1700	10	3000	Comdr. A. H. Smith-Dorrien	Hakodate
Algirine	armoured cruiser, 1st class	1057	6	1400	Commander E. J. W. Slade	Foochow
Aurora	battleship, 1st class	5500	12	8500	Captain H. B. Colville, C.B.	Hakodate
Bartleymo	cruiser, 2nd class	10,500	14	13,000	Capt. R. M. Montague, C.B.	Hongkong
Bonaventure	battleship, 1st class	4200	10	9000	Comdr. R. B. S. West	Shanghai
British	cruiser, 3rd class	1770	6	350	Captain J. R. Johnson	Hakodate
Capuchin	battleship, 1st class	10,600	14	13,000	Capt. G. W. Winnington-Ingram	Hakodate
Daphne	sleep	1140	8	200	Lt.-Com. G. Callaghan	Hakodate
Empress	cruiser, 1st class	7350	12	10,000	Lt.-Com. O. Chawick	Macau
Esk	g.b.t. 3rd class coast defence	333	3	200	Lt.-Com. R. J. Keyes	Shanghai
Fame	torpedo boat destroyer	380	6	5700	Capt. R. S. D. Cumming	Hakodate
Frohrand	gunboat, 2nd class	455	2	350	Capt. H. N. Dudding	Hongkong
Hansly	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Capt. R. P. Cochran	Hakodate
Hart	torpedo boat destroyer	275	6	4000	Lt.-Com. J. F. Green	Hongkong
Herniono	cruiser, 2nd class	4350	10	9000	Capt. G. A. Cowper	Hakodate
Humber	steamer	1640	-	1640	Capt. G. A. Cowper	Macau
Iphigenia	cruiser, 2nd class	3600	8	9000	Capt. G. A. Cowper	Shanghai
Linnet	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Capt. H. W. Saycho	Hakodate
Orcando	armoured cruiser, 1st class	5699	12	8500	Captain J. H. T. Burke	Manila
Paeacock	gunboat, 1st class	1060	6	1400	Capt. R. P. Cochran	Singapore
Phoenix	gunboat, 1st class	785	6	1200	Lt.-Com. G. V. de M. Cowper	Shanghai
Plover	gunboat, 1st class	2020	6	1200	Capt. G. A. Cowper	Macau
Presidente Sarmento	Argentine training vessel	715	6	1200	Capt. H. W. Saycho	Shanghai
Reindeer	gunboat, 1st class	805	2	240	Capt. H. W. Saycho	Hongkong
Rathole	gun-vessel, 2nd class	756	2	870	Capt. H. W. Saycho	Macau
Scutipiper	gun-vessel, 2nd class	4550	2	200	Commodore Francis Powell	Hongkong
Swift	receiving ship	363	2	200	Lt.-Com. H. E. Hillman	Hongkong
Tamar	g.b.t. 3rd class coast defence	5500	12	8500	Capt. A. Clarke	West River
Twood	armoured cruiser, 1st class	14,000	16	12,000	Capt. A. Schomber	Hakodate
Undisputed	battleship, 1st class	320	6	450	Lieut.-Com. W. P. Dawson	Hakodate
Victorious	Surveying Ship	360	6	5000	Lieut.-Com. E. Kelly	Hongkong
Waterwitch	torpedo boat destroyer	2750	4	1000	Comdr. H. J. Davison	Hongkong
Whiting	coast-defence ship, armoured	150	2	560	Lieut.-Com. H. D. Watson	Yangtze River
Wivern	river gunboat	150	2	560	Lieut.-Comdr. Barton	Yangtze River
Woodcock	river gunboat	150	2	560	Captain H. D. Watson	Yangtze River
Woolark	river gunboat	150	2	560	Captain H. D. Watson	Yangtze River

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Foreign Men-of-war on the China and Japan Station.

Name.	Flag and Description.	Tons.	Guns.	H.P.	Captain.	Last reported a
Kaiserin Elizabeth	Austrian cruiser	4000	23	-	Capt. Julius Beck von Wellstaedt	Nagasaki
Aspic	French gunboat	475	8	450	Commander Journe	Saigon
D'Entrecasteaux	French flagship	4000	14	8500	Captain de Marill	Saigon
Descares	French cruiser	1658	8	2050	Capt. Phelbert	Foochow
Edouard	French cruiser	4500	14	8500	Capt. Texier	Takao
Jean Bart	French gunboat	1230	6	2250	Capt. Arbin	Nagasaki
Kersaint	French gunboat	470	-	-	Capt. de la Motte du Portail	Singapore
León	French gunboat	3038	14	8500	Capt. Amet	Shanghai
Pascal	French cruiser	620	2	900	Captain de Brézé	Nagasaki
Surpise	French gunboat	-	-	-	Captain de Plessis	Saigon
Vauban	French cruiser	-	-	-	Captain Blondel	Kwangchuan
Deutschland	German ironclad	8000	-	8000	Captain Muller	Yokohama
Geitow	German cr.	4100	10	9000	Captain Hollmann	Nagasaki
Hets	German gunboat	-	10	-	Commander W. Laris	Kinshau
Irene	German gunboat	4200	8	2030	Commander Oberheimer	Foochow
Kaisarin Augusta	German cr.	6331	20	14,000	Captain Koellner	Nagasaki
Mosse	German gunboat	300	-	-	Capt. Merten	Nagasaki
Elsa	Italian cruiser	2729	12	6500	Capt. Cecconi	Shanghai
Eros	Italian cruiser	3530	10	6388	Captain Giovanni Giorello	Shanghai
Piemonte	Italian cr.	2329	12	12,200	Captain Constantino	Shanghai
Stromboli	Italian cruiser	3898	12	6311	Capt. Vincenzo Carvalho	Macau
Africa	Portuguese transport	1460	-	-	Captain Cunha Luan	Hongkong
Liberal	Portuguese gunboat	490	3	400	Captain Vazquez	Nagasaki
Admiral Kornioloff	Russian cruiser	5500	16	9000	Captain Yakovlev	Nagasaki
Aboit	Russian gunboat	810	2	730	Captain Polmar	Nagasaki
Bore	Russian sloop	930	2	1150	Captain Purwo	Nagasaki
Dimitry Donskoy	Russian cruiser	8000	16	7000	Captain Boisam	Nagasaki
Gvidanik	Russian gunboat	500	9	3500	Capt. Serebrennikoff	Nagasaki
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Hongkong, July 31, 1899. 589

IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

ESTABLISHED BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF THE 12TH NOVEMBER, 1896.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, Tls. 5,000,000

PAID UP CAPITAL, 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

CANTON, CHIEFOO, CHINCHANG, FOOCHEW, HANKOW, PEKING, SHAWOO, TIENTIN.

THE BANK PURCHASES and receives for Collection Bills of Exchange drawn on the above places, and Bills Drafted and Telegraphic Transfers Payable at its Branches and Agencies.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Advances made on approved securities.

Bills Discounted.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the Rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 3 Months 3%

" " 6 4%

" " 12 6%

E. W. BUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, October 15, 1898. 1970

WHY?

Are Policies of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States to be preferred to those of any other company?

BECAUSE U.S. Equitable Policies are to the intending insurers what Consols are to the investor.

BECAUSE the Equitable, U.S., is the strongest life company in the world, having over 11 millions sterling of Surplus, and

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BRANCH OFFICE FOR HONGKONG, No. 2, Faive Court.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000

PAID UP CAPITAL £324,574

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Board of Directors:

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Esq.,

J. T. LAUTS, Esq.,

Chief Manager:

GEO. W. P. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%

Hongkong, May 30, 1899. 174

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000

RESERVE FUND \$11,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:—

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Hongkong—Sir T. JACKSON,

MANAGER:

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LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT AT THE RATE OF 2% PER CENT. ON FIXED DEPOSITS.—

FOR 3 MONTHS 2½ PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

" " 6 3½

" " 12 4

T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 29, 1899. 2310

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS AT THE RATE OF 2% PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY BALANCES.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS.—

FOR 12 MONTHS 4%

" " 6 3½

" " 3 2½

J. THURBUR, Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 29, 1899. 2310

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE BUSINESS OF THE ABOVE BANK IS CONDUCTED BY THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

RATES MAY BE OBTAINED ON APPLICATION.

INTEREST ON DEPOSITS IS ALLOWED AT 3½ PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

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BILLS DISCOUNTED.

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ON FIXED DEPOSITS FOR 3 MONTHS 3%

" " 6 4%

" " 12 6%

E. W. BUTTER, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, October 15, 1898. 1970

TO LET.

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FURNISHED, AT THE PEAK, UNTIL MARCH.

HOUSE WITH 5 ROOMS, GARDEN AND TENNIS COURTS.

APPLY TO P.Q.R., Care of CHINA MAIL Office.

Hongkong, Sept. 19, 1899. 2083

TO LET.

A FIVE-ROOMED FURNISHED HOUSE, WITH TENNIS COURTS, AT MOUNT KELLITT, THE PEAK. Enquire of

No. 7, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

FOR SIX MONTHS FROM THE 1ST PROXIMO.

APPLY TO W. HUTTON POTTS, Telephone Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1899. 2145

TO LET.

TWO HOUSES AT THE PEAK, FURNISHED ED. FROM 1ST DECEMBER, 1899, UNTIL APRIL OR MAY, 1900.

APPLY TO LINSTED & DAVIS.

Hongkong, September 25, 1899. 2146

TO LET, FURNISHED.

NO. 7, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

FOR SIX MONTHS FROM THE 1ST PROXIMO.

APPLY TO W. HUTTON POTTS, Telephone Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1899. 2130

TO LET.

A SEMI-DETACHED VILLA RESIDENCE, ON BOWEN ROAD—(Now in course of erection).

PROPERTY LATELY OCCUPIED BY THE BROWNCROFTS.

GROUND FLOOR, 53 PEEL STREET, OFFICES.—18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 1